transport bottlenecks, adverse development in marketing, recession etc.

(d) The Government has taken a number of steps for reducing industrial sickness which, inter-alia, include guidelines of Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, National Renewal Fund, National Equity Fund etc.

Industries Affected by Cyclone in Orissa

1115. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of large and medium industries affected by two cyclones swept over in Orissa during October last;

(b) the extent of losses sustained by each industry (both in public as well as private sector);

(c) the steps taken for the rehabilitation of those units; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (d) Recent cyclone in Orissa has damaged 44 salt works, covering an area of 2820 acres. Besides this, a quantity of 2300 tonnes of salt has been washed away.

With a view to rehabilitate the damage salt works, Salt Department has disbursed a sum of Rs. 19.314 lakh by way of ex-gratia relief to the affected salt manufacturers. This is in addition to several other labour welfare works sanctioned by the Salt Department in various salt factories.

Revival of Leather Industry

1116. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to revive leather industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?